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ABSTRACT

Trends in graduate characteristics at Los Angeles Community College (LACC) are analyzed for the period from 1962-1975 and are compared to data from other California community colleges. Numbers of graduates are tallied according to sex, day or evening status, January or June completion, and major. The total number of associate degrees (AA) awarded rose steadily through the first decade of the period, but has declined in the last three years. Likewise, the percent of the total college enrollment receiving the associate degree rose from 5.2 percent in 1962 to a high of 9.4 percent in 1972, but dipped to 6.8 percent in 1975. The number of women receiving degrees overtook the number of men graduates in 1972, and has increased since that time. The percent of June degree recipients has hovered around the 60 percent mark throughout the period. The percent of evening student graduates rose to a high of 32.7 percent in 1974, but dropped markedly in 1975. About 40 percent of the 1975 graduates completed a two-year occupational major, a figure slightly below the 1974 percentage. In comparison with other California community colleges in 1974, LACC ranked fourth (of 96) in number of AA degrees awarded, and twenty-ninth in ratio of number of degrees to enrollment. (NHM)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

Since the first graduation ceremony in 1931, L.A.C.C. has awarded A.A. degrees to some 50,000 students. Research Study #72-15 analyzed trends in certain characteristics of graduates over the period from 1962 to 1972. The purpose of the present study is to update that information.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Each year, the graduation clerks in the Admissions Office tally the numbers of graduates according to sex, day or evening status, January or June completion, and major. These tallies form the basis for most of the findings of this study. Comparative information from other California Community Colleges was obtained from the U. S. Office of Education Higher Education General Information Survey IX and "Fall 1973 Enrollments in Higher Education," published by the State of California Department of Finance.

FINDINGS

Table 1 presents selected L.A.C.C. graduation statistics for the years 1962 through 1975. Included are total number of graduates, percent of day, evening and total college enrollment, number and percent day and evening, number and percent male, number and percent completing requirements in June, number and percent occupational majors. Figures 1-6 present some of this information graphically.

Table 2 indicates numbers of majors in all stated areas, totaled by department and by four year or two year status, for the past twelve years.

Table 3 shows numbers of 1974 graduates and Fall 1973 total enrollment (the most recent available figures) for all 96 California Community Colleges, and indicates rankings for enrollment, number of graduates and percents (graduates divided by enrollments.)

TABLE 1 - Selected LACC Graduation Statistics, 1962-1975

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Total College Enrollment														
(Spring)														
Total No. AA degrees awarded	16994	15284	15569	14776	16606	18276	17482	19416	18218	17987	17701	18141	19248	21492
% of Total Enrolled receiving AA	876	879	889	909	1069	1142	1225	1386	1577	1503	1667	1614	1706	1458
% Day Enrollment receiving AA	5.2	5.8	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.2	7.1	7.1	8.7	8.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	6.8
% Evening Enrollment receiving AA	N/A	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.4	10.4	12.5	10.8	11.2	10.3	10.2	8.1
No. males receiving AA	N/A	2.1	1.8	2.6	3.0	2.8	3.6	3.0	3.7	4.6	6.2	6.6	7.0	4.6
No. females receiving AA	466	483	467	490	551	580	626	717	838	767	832	793	752	649
% male	410	396	422	419	518	562	599	669	737	736	835	821	954	809
No. January graduates	53.2	54.9	52.5	53.9	51.5	50.8	51.1	51.7	53.1	51.0	49.9	49.1	44.1	44.5
No. June graduates	368	368	359	412	439	484	510	604	647	527	678	630	762	590
% June	508	511	530	497	630	658	717	782	930	976	989	984	944	868
No. day graduates	57.9	58.1	59.6	54.7	58.9	57.6	58.4	56.4	59.0	64.9	59.3	61.0	55.3	59.5
No. evening graduates	N/A	725	755	733	859	912	959	1132	1286	1177	1270	1157	1148	1079
% evening	N/A	154	134	176	210	230	266	254	291	326	397	457	558	379
No. Transfer major graduates	N/A	17.5	15.1	19.4	19.7	20.2	21.7	18.3	18.5	21.7	23.9	28.3	32.7	26.0
No. Occupational major graduates	N/A	N/A	605	610	674	707	734	852	999	1013	1110	973	980	882
% Occupational	N/A	N/A	284	299	395	435	491	534	578	490	557	641	726	576
College Day Enrollment (Spring)	N/A	N/A	32.0	32.9	37.0	38.1	40.1	38.5	36.7	32.7	33.4	39.7	42.6	39.5
College Evening Enrollment (Spring)	7568	7898	8167	8127	9485	10091	10161	10877	10272	10852	11337	11255	11315	13304
	9426	7386	7402	6649	7121	8185	7321	8539	7947	7135	6364	6886	7933	8188

FIGURE 1 - No. of AA Degrees Awarded at LACC

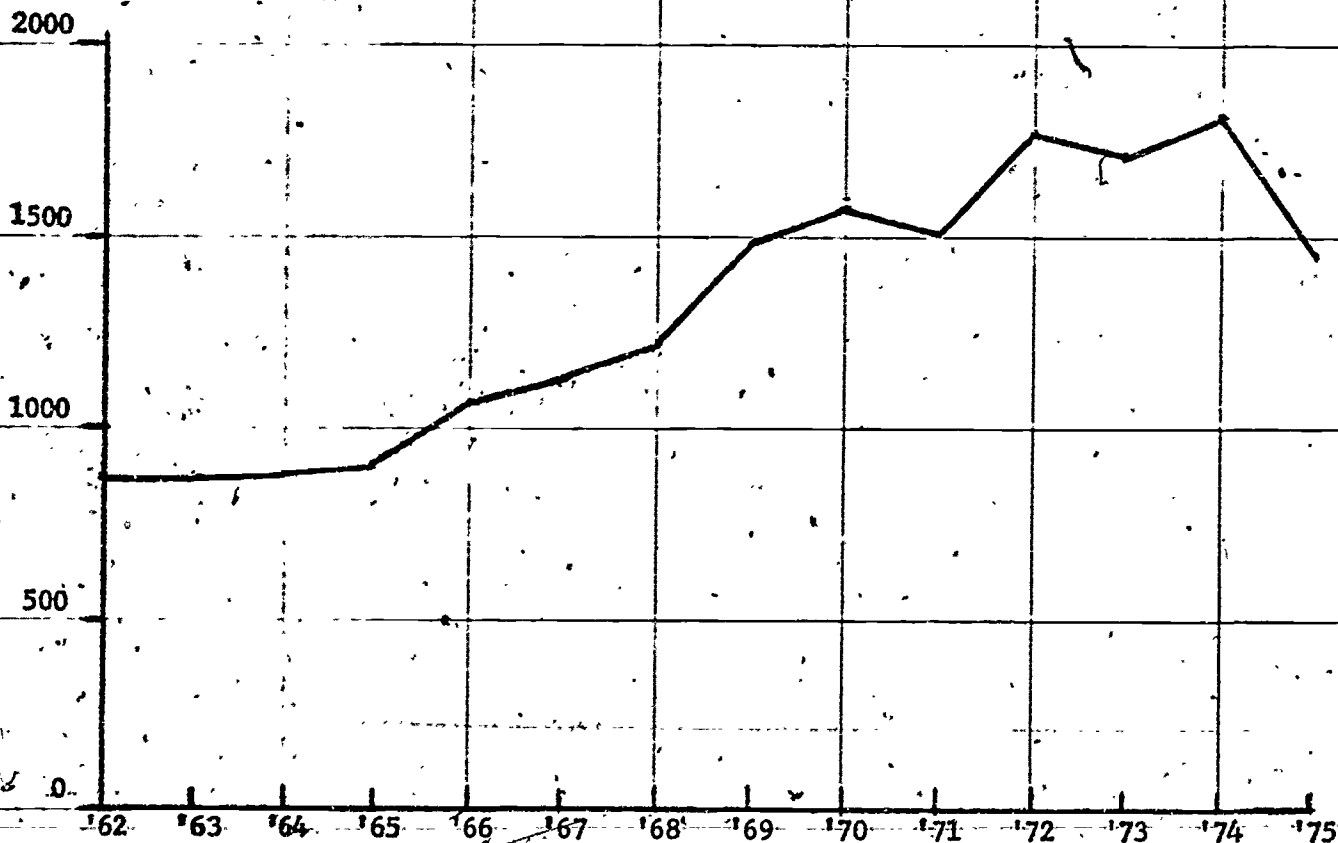


FIGURE 2 - No. of AA Degrees Awarded at LACC as a Percent of Total Enrollment

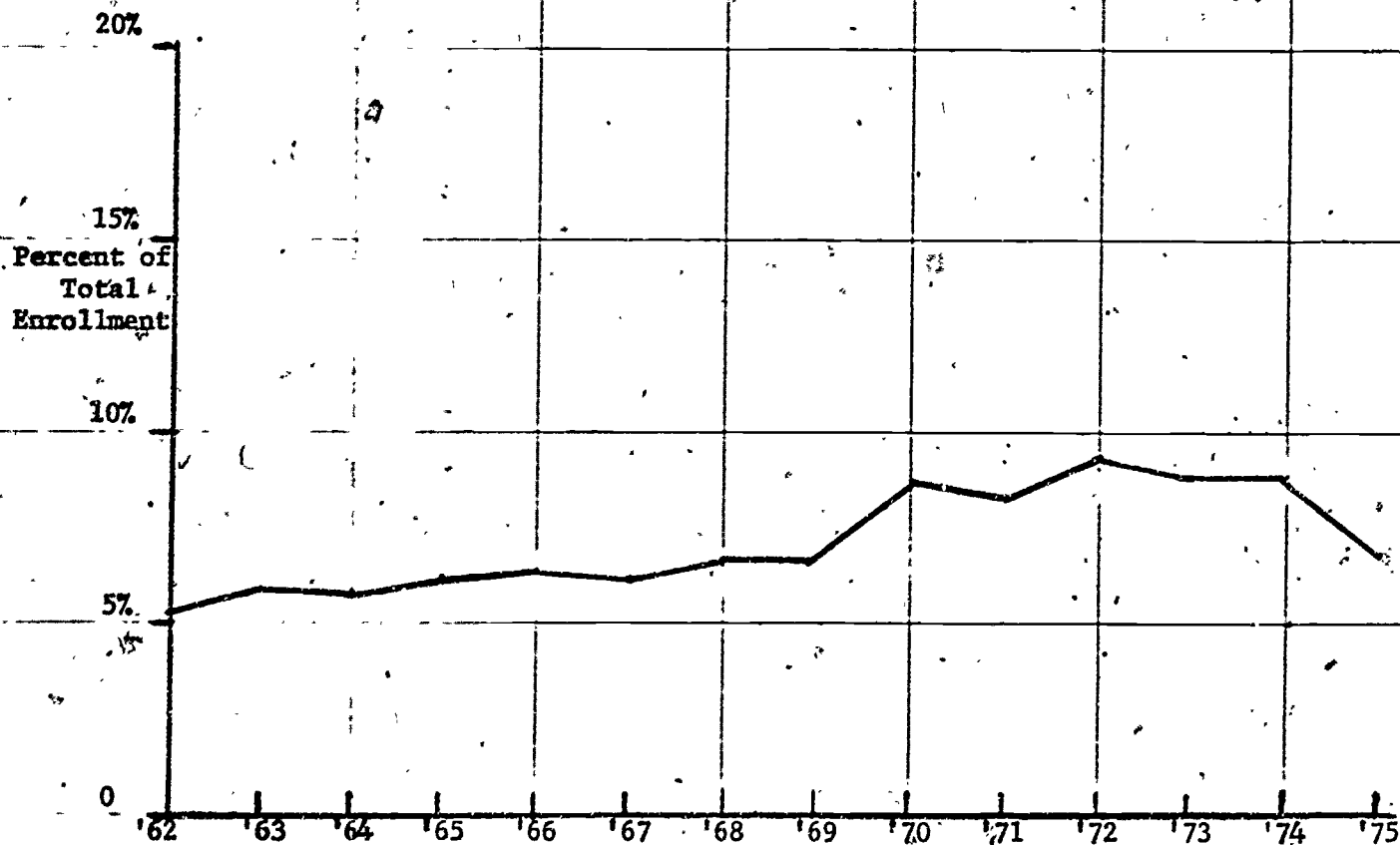


FIGURE 3 - AA Degree Recipients at LACC: Percent Male

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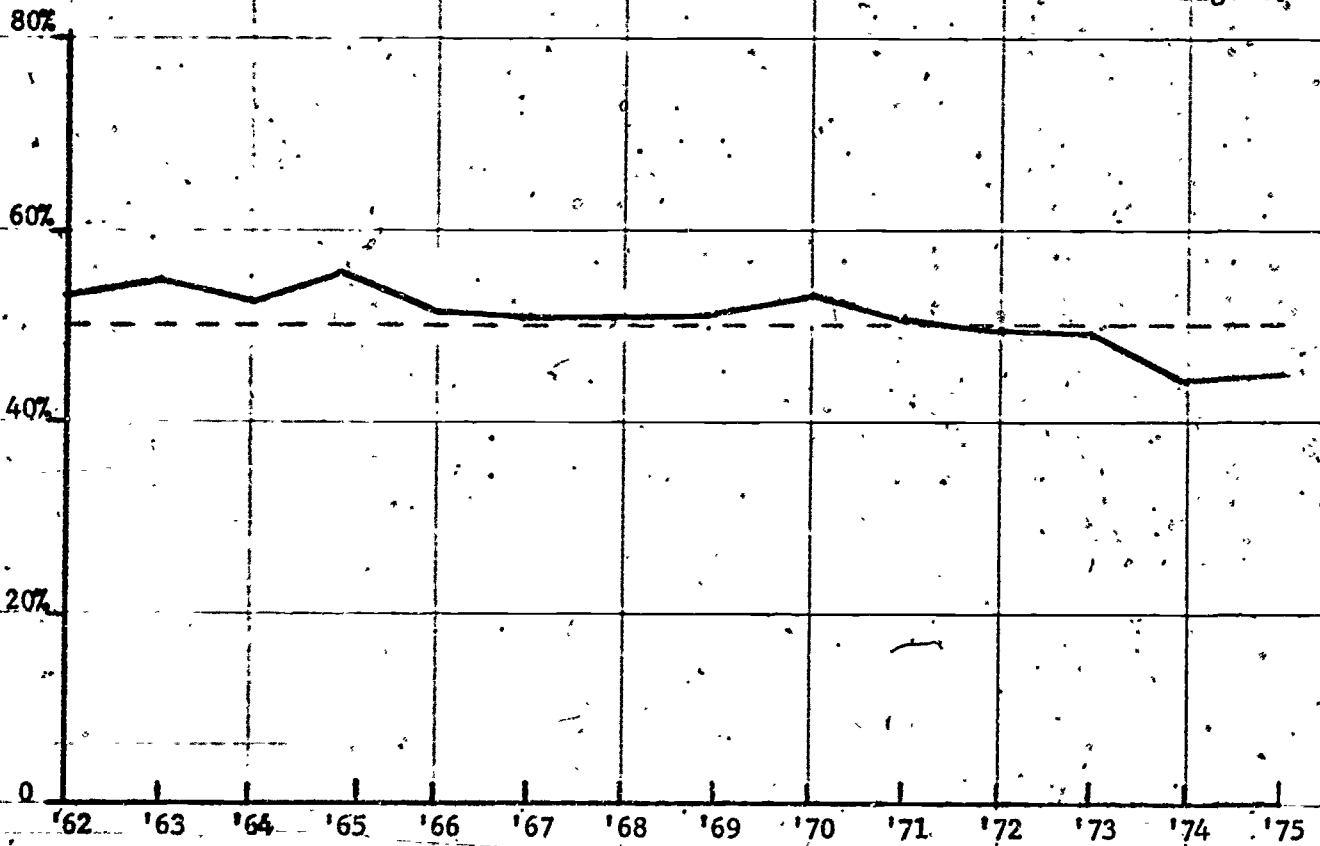
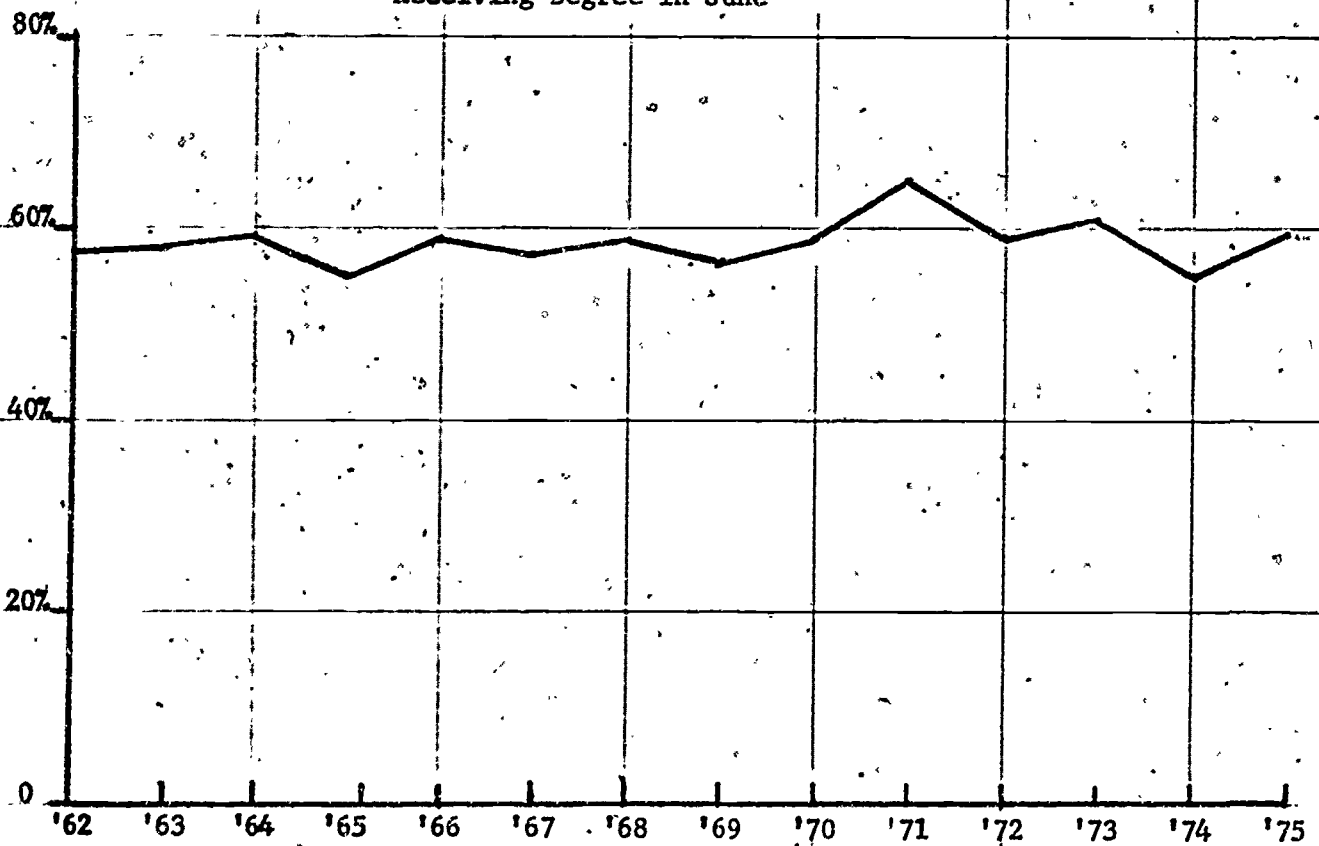


FIGURE 4 - AA Degree Recipients at LACC: Percent Receiving Degree in June



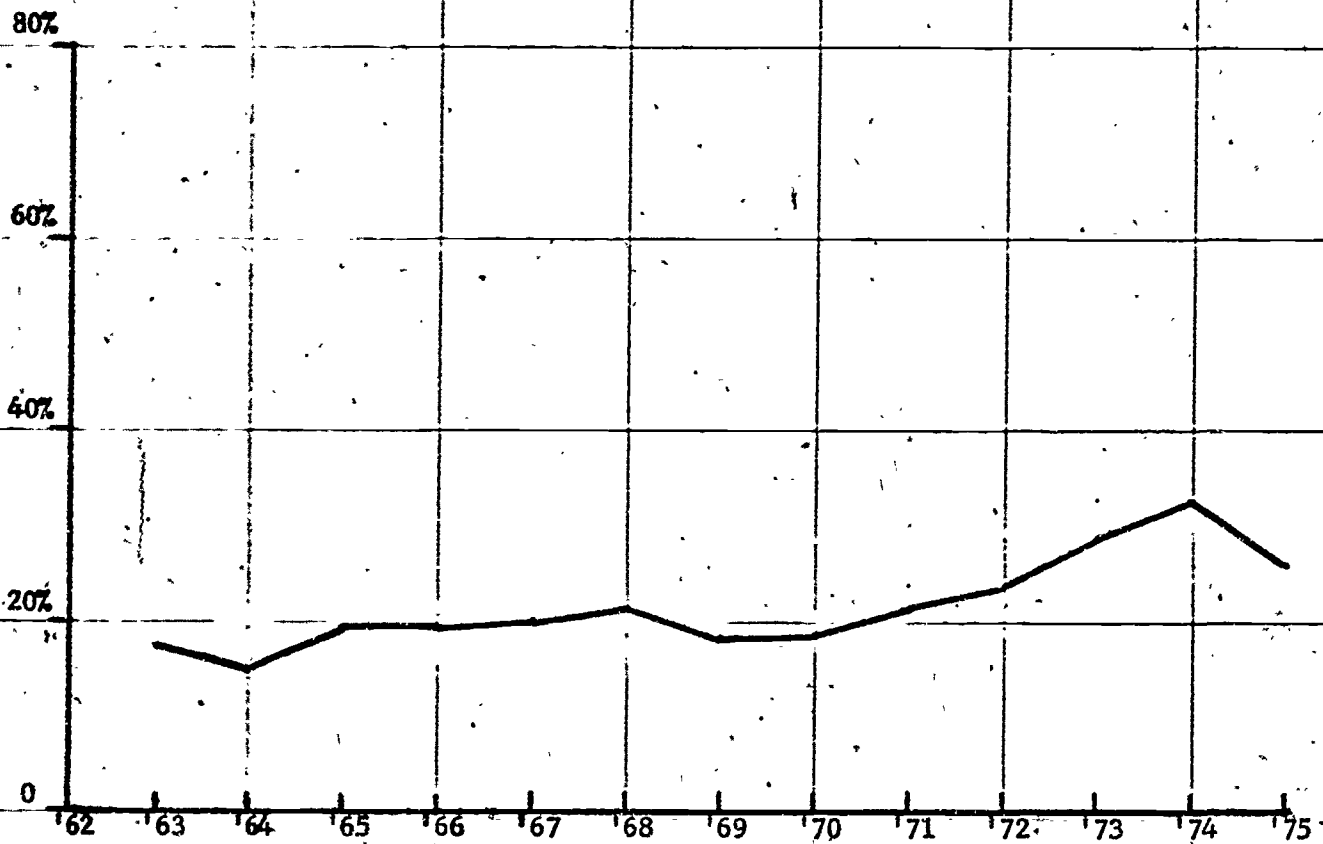


FIGURE 6 - AA Degree Recipients at LACC: Percent Occupational Majors

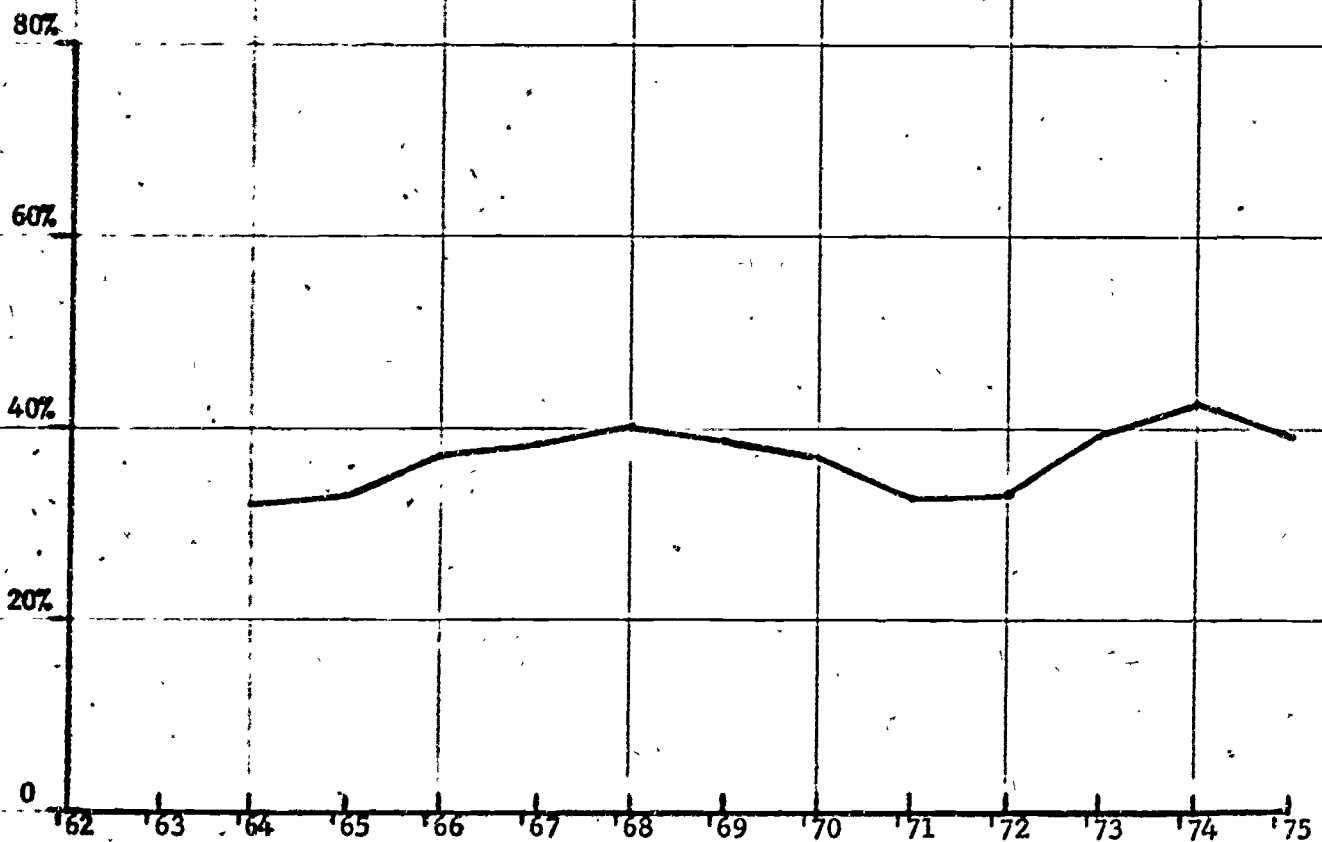


TABLE 2 - LACC A.A. Degree Recipients, According to Major, 1964-75

Department	4 or 2 year	Major	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72	'73	'74	'75
American	4 year	Afro-American Studies			1				4	1	2		3	2
Cultures		Armenian Studies					1	6	1	2	3	3	1	1
		Asian Studies	1					1	1	1	2	3		1
		Jewish Studies												1
		Mex-American Studies									1	2		4
		Total	1		1		1	7	6	4	8	6	4	10
	2 year	Asian Studies					2							2
		Total					2							
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Architecture	All	Total	1		1		3	7	6	4	8	6	4	10
	4 year	Architecture				1	3	8	8	3	7	9	10	14
		Urban Planning												
		Total				1	3	8	8	3	7	9	10	16
	2 year	Architecture	6	9	13	14	14	7	9	5	11	3	5	6
		Total	6	9	13	14	14	7	9	5	11	3	5	6
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Art	All	Total	6	9	13	15	17	15	17	8	18	12	15	22
	4 year	Art	9	12	8	11	15	27	26	30	39	30	27	24
		Ethnic Studies												
		Humanities												
		Total	9	12	8	11	15	30	29	31	39	30	28	26
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Art	2 year	Art			3	4				13	5	1	3	2
		Art-Advertising Design	1											
		Art-Commercial	4	7	11	6	6	10	4	5	4	2		
		Art-Crafts			1									
		Art-Design		2	2	2	3	1	3	3	4	3	7	2
		Art-Painting		1			2	4	1	1	2		2	3
		Total	5	10	17	12	11	15	13	21	10	10	10	10
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All	Total		14	22	25	23	26	45	42	52	49	40	38	36

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Department	4 or 2 year	Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Business Administration	4 year	Accounting												
		Advertising												19
		Business Administration	44	53	67	74	88	73	99	81	82	87	104	86
		Business Economics			3	3	5	6	1	4	6	3	3	1
		Business Education								2	4	3	2	1
		Business Mgt Science								1		1		
		Office Administration												
		Total	44	53	70	77	93	79	100	88	92	94	109	108
2 year		Accounting	21	14	21	20	17	19	16	18	22	24	22	18
		Advertising			1		1	1	4	2	2	1	4	1
		Banking & Finance			3	8	5	4	11	6	6	3	8	6
		Bookkeeping	8	6	6	5	11	2	10	4	9	9	5	2
		Building Const Tech				1	2	1						
		Business Data Processing		1		7	12	29	36	44	32	31	33	12
		Business-General	6	5	9	11	3	7	12	8	7	9	7	4
		Business Law	1	5	2	5	6	6	2	2	3	1	10	3
		Business Management			2	3	3						2	
		Food Services Management						1	1				1	
		Food Store Management	3	1		1			2			1	1	
		Furniture and Interiors									2	1		
		Home Furnishings-Mdsg			1									
		Management	3	3			2	4	8	6	8	6	11	10
		Management-Small Business								1				1
		Merchandising	5	6	10	4	5	6	7	11	8	9	5	11
		Office Management					1	2	17	13	2	1		
		Real Estate & Insurance	2	6	8	10	7	6	9	7	6	3	16	14
		Total	49	47	63	75	75	88	137	122	107	98	125	82
All (Total		93	100	133	152	168	167	237	210	199	192	234	190
Chemistry	4 year	Chemistry		1	7	2	2	2	1		4		1	7
	Total			1	7	2	2	2	1		4		1	7
2 year		Paint Manufacture										3		
	Total											3		
All	Total		1	7	2	2	2	2	1		4	3	1	7

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Department	4. or 2 year	Major	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72	'73	'74	'75
English	4 year	English	34	37	46	53	56	51	68	39	32	30	31	14
		Language Arts												
		Library Science	1	1	3	2	1							
		Linguistics												
		Literature					1	1	2	2	3	3	3	1
All	Total		35	38	49	55	58	52	70	41	36	33	36	16
Family and Consumer Science	4 year	Child Development				1				6	13	18	30	18
		Dietetics												
		Home Economics	6	8	3	15	18	13	24	15	11	12	9	2
		Nutritional Science					1							
	Total		6	8	3	16	19	13	24	21	24	30	42	29
2 year	Child Dev (Nursery School)		13	20	16	21	26	136	30	20	17	11	29	37
	Dietetic Technician													
	Educational Aide		5	2	2	5	4	4	1	4	1	5	34	21
	Home Economics		18	22	18	26	30	40	31	24	18	21	67	62
All	Total		24	30	21	42	49	53	55	45	42	51	109	91
Foreign Language	4 year	Arabic			1					1		3	1	
		Chinese						1	3		1			
		Classics												
		French	4	2	4	8	9	10	7	6	6	2	3	2
		German	1	2	1	2		1				1	1	2
		Hebrew		1		1			1			1		1
		Italian		1		1	2	2	2	1	3			2
		Japanese					2			2	3			
		Latin				1								
		Slavic Languages	2	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	
		Spanish	12	13	9	9	9	11	11	29	18	13	14	15
	Total		19	23	19	23	24	27	25	40	32	20	20	22
2 year	Classics						1							
	Translating & Interpreting		4	4	3	4	8	8	4	4	3	4	7	
	Total		4	4	3	4	9	8	4	4	3	4	7	
All	Total		23	27	22	27	33	35	29	44	35	24	27	22

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		Department													
		4 or 2 year													
		Major													
		'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72	'73	'74	'75		
Law	4 year	Administration of Justice													
		(Police Science)													
		Corrections													
		Criminology													
		Law													
	Total	2	3	8	5	9	22	24	84	31	29	27	31		
2 year		Administration of Justice													
		(Police Science)													
		Corrections													
		Fire Management													
		Legal Assistant													
	Total	2	4	7	5	9	10	18	18	16	29	21	20		
	All	2	7	15	13	18	32	42	52	47	65	68	67		
Life Science	4 year	Bacteriology													
		Bio-Chemistry													
		Biology													
		Botany													
		Life Science													
		Medical Technology													
		Medicine													
		Microbiology													
		Pharmacy													
		Zoology													
		Total	13	21	31	11	13	13	9	21	18	15	34	22	
	2 year	Allied Health													
		Life Science													
	Total	10	10								22	30	2		
All	Total	13	21	41	11	13	13	9	21	18	37	64	24		

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Department		Major																	
		'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72	'73	'74	'75						
Math	4 year	Mathematics	17	17	10	6	16	18	16	11	12	9	6	6					
		Mathematics-Computer Sci										1							
	Total	17	17	10	6	16	18	16	11	12	10	6	6						
All	Total	17	17	10	6	16	18	16	11	12	10	6	6						
Media Arts	4 year	Graphic Design											1						
		Journalism	4	3	4	4	5	6	12	6	5	7	11						
		Printing Management	2	2	2	1					1								
		Public Relations												2					13
	Total	6	5	6	6	5	5	6	12	6	6	8							
2 year		Graphic Arts												2					1
		Journalism	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	6						
		Photography	1	2	5	4	6		1	3	1	4	2					2	3
		Public Relations	1	3	1	8	5	3	2	2	2	4	13					6	
	Total	4	7	8	12	12	13	5	7	8	9	13							
All	Total	10	12	14	18	17	18	11	19	14	15	21	19						
Music	4 year	Music	11	7	9	3	4	7	9	10	7	13	11	18					
	Total	11	7	9	3	4	7	9	10	7	13	11	18						
	2 year	Music-Commercial				2			1	1	1			1					4
	Music-General	1	2	3	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2						
	Total	1	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	2						
All	Total	12	7	12	6	6	10	11	11	10	15	13	23						
Nursing	4 year	Nursing	6	14	9	5	11	4	16	8	28	21	22	27					
	Total	6	14	9	5	11	4	16	8	28	21	22	27						
	2 year	Nursing-AA degree	41	20	33	59	29	57	63	54	63	71	96	63					
	Total	41	20	33	59	29	57	63	54	63	71	96	63						
All	Total	47	34	42	64	40	61	79	62	91	92	118	90						

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Department	4 or 2 year	Major	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72	'73	'74	'75
Psychology	4 year	Psychological Services												
		Psychology (Soc Psych)	38	44	56	60	37	63	50	43	49	69	9	
	Total		38	44	56	60	37	63	50	43	49	69	67	85
	2 year	Psychological Services												
		Psychology (Soc Psych)							7	7	10	26	22	33
	Total								7	7	10	26	22	33
All	Total		38	44	56	60	37	63	57	50	59	95	98	118
Radio-TV-Film	4 year	Radio-TV												
		Radio-TV								2	1	3		2
	Total									2	1	3		2
2 year		Broadcasting Technology	7	12	17	13	4	4	4	2	5	8	5	6
		Cinema							2	2	2	4	7	6
		Radio Broadcasting					13	15	20	12	6	11	6	9
		TV Broadcasting					4	7	9	7	7	7	3	5
	Total		7	12	17	13	21	26	35	23	20	30	21	26
All	Total		7	12	17	13	21	26	35	25	21	33	21	28
Radiologic Technology	2 year	Nuclear Medicine Tech					1	1	6	4	9	6	13	11
		Radiologic Technology	7	9	14	14	24	25	17	12	41	54	47	37
	Total		7	9	14	14	25	26	23	16	50	60	60	48
Secretarial Science	2 year	Sec. Science-Bilingual	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	4	5	6
		Sec. Science-General (and Clerical)	20	7	19	20	27	21	16	15	32	32	19	21
		Sec. Science-Medical	9	7	11	18	16	7	8	6	7	1	11	8
		Sec. Science-Medical Office Assistant	3	14	10	7	16	10	3	9	9	15	9	6
		Sec. Science-Legal	33	34	32	38	42	39	36	40	41	29	31	21
		Sec. Science-Office	5	10	14	5	12	18		5				1
		Sec. Science-Technical	2	6	1									
All	Total		72	81	88	90	115	96	65	76	91	81	75	63

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Department		4 or 2 years	Major	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72	'73	'74	'75	
Social Sciences	4 year	African Studies (Spec Prog)	7	10	11	2	7		3	6		7	3	1	10	
		Economics	83													
		Education														
		Elem Teach (Soc Sci, Liberal Studies)	14	56	38	44	41	35	26	24	40	11	11	11	11	
		History	33	33	56	68	45	57	68	47	42	29	19	19	16	
		International Relations	3	5	4	5	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
		Latin American Studies		2		1		1		2		3	1	1	1	
		Near Eastern Studies														
		Political Science (Govt, Modern Poli Sci)	16	21	23	18	30	32	32	32	28	26	32	29	14	
		Public Service									1		1	1		
		Religion				1										
		Sociology (Soc Welfare)	41	48	55	54	62	88	105	93	102	70	61	39		
All	Total	197	175	187	193	189	219	231	202	219	151	123	92			
Speech	4 year	Speech	1	10	7	3	6	5	6	1	10	5	2			
		Speech Pathology	1	1	1	2	6	7	4	4	1	3	5			
All	Total		2	11	7	5	12	12	10	5	11	8	7			
Theatre	4 year	Drama				1		1	6	1	1					
		Theatre Arts	4	4	4	4	6	9	6	1	7	10	13	4		
		Total	4	4	4	5	6	9	7	7	8	11	13	4		
	2 year	Theatre Arts	2	4	9	5	12	12	9	7	11	8	11	6		
		Total	2	4	9	5	12	12	9	7	11	8	11	6		
All	Total		6	8	13	10	18	21	16	14	19	19	24	10		
Transportation	2 year	Professional Travel Guide					1									
		Transportation	9	10	14	19	26	23	31	30	25	33	23	21		
All	Total		9	10	14	19	27	23	31	30	25	33	23	21		
4 year	College Transfer		136	116	123	161	154	203	296	346	412	346	360	284		
Grand Total	4 year	All majors	605	610	674	707	734	852	999	1013	1110	973	980	882		
	2 year	All majors	284	299	395	435	491	534	578	490	557	641	726	576		
	All	Majors	889	909	1069	1142	1225	1386	1577	1503	1667	1614	1706	1458		

TABLE 3 - Ranking of 96 California Community Colleges
on Selected Graduation Statistics

		F'73		1974			
	COLLEGE	Total Enrollment (A)	Rank Col. (A)	AA Degrees (B)	Rank Col. (B)	$\frac{B}{A} \times 100$ (C)	Rank Col. (C)
1	ALAMEDA	5185	66	337	71	6.4995	74
2	A HANCOCK	7597	47	885	31	11.649	8
3	AMER RIVER	16389	13	1802	3	10.995	11
4	ANTEL VALL	4246	74	351	69	8.2666	39
5	BAKERS	10858	35	983	24	9.0532	27
6	BARSTOW	1455	89	155	83	10.653	15
7	BUTTE	4362	72	332	73	7.6112	53
8	CABRILLO	7102	52	428	65	6.0265	79
9	CANADA	7012	53	491	57	7.0023	63
10	CANYONS	2165	81	215	80	9.9307	20
11	CERRITOS	17494	7	1170	16	6.688	71
12	CERRO COSO	1779	87	56	93	3.1478	93
13	CHABOT	14390	20	991	23	6.8867	65
14	CHAFFEY	8912	41	595	48	6.6764	72
15	CITRUS	8594	43	678	43	7.8892	48
16	COLUMBIA	2002	85	175	81	8.7413	30
17	COMPTON	5847	58	591	49	10.108	19
18	CONTRA COS	7678	46	537	53	6.994	64
19	COSUMNES R	3355	76	486	60	14.486	5
20	CRAFTON H	1751	88	63	92	3.5979	92
21	CUESTA	4254	73	308	75	7.2402	60
22	CYPRESS	9169	40	1016	21	11.081	10
23	DE ANZA	12846	27	1032	20	8.0336	44
24	DESERT	3540	75	321	74	9.0678	26
25	DIABLO V	16672	11	997	22	5.9801	81
26	EAST L A	15626	15	1197	13	7.6603	51
27	EL CAMINO	23579	1	1536	9	6.5143	73
28	FEATHER R	602	94	73	91	12.126	7
29	FOOTHILL	11713	32	720	41	6.147	78
30	FRESNO	14292	22	1161	17	8.1234	41
31	FULLERTON	16385	14	1600	8	9.765	22
32	GAVILAN	2008	84	116	89	5.7769	83
33	GLENDALE	6856	55	564	51	8.2264	40
34	GOLDEN W	14690	19	734	40	4.9966	90
35	GROSSMONT	12945	26	1175	15	9.0769	25
36	HARTNELL	5563	62	253	78	4.5479	91
37	IMPERIAL V	3257	77	337	72	10.347	17
38	INDIAN V	1170	92	26	96	2.2222	95
39	LANEY	9445	39	490	58	5.1879	88
40	LASSEN	2021	82	146	84	7.2241	61
41	LONG BEACH	22179	3	1643	7	7.4079	55
42	L A CITY	19185	5	1706	4	8.8924	29
43	L A HARBOR	10050	37	840	34	8.3582	36
44	L A PIERCE	17335	8	1471	10	8.4857	35
45	L A SOWEST	4387	71	350	70	7.9781	47

46	L A TRADE	16524	12	920	28	5.5677	86
47	L A VALLEY	18609	6	1807	2	9.7104	23
48	MARIN	7193	49	549	52	7.6324	52
49	MENDOCINO	1446	90	29	95	2.0055	96
50	MERCED	6821	56	568	50	8.3272	37
51	MERRITT	6102	57	488	59	7.9974	45
52	MIRA COSTA	3011	78	234	79	7.7715	50
53	MODESTO	11649	34	919	29	7.8891	49
54	MONTEREY	7161	51	643	45	8.9792	28
55	MOORPARK	8459	44	522	55	6.1709	77
56	MT S A C	17016	9	1462	11	8.5919	32
57	MT SAN JAC	2016	83	120	88	5.9524	82
58	NAPA	4660	69	508	56	10.901	13
59	OHLONE	5383	64	273	77	5.0715	89
60	ORANGE C	23424	2	1411	12	6.0237	80
61	PALOMAR	8751	42	638	46	7.2906	58
62	PALO VERDE	549	95	31	94	5.6466	85
63	PASADENA	16912	10	1658	6	9.8037	21
64	PORTERV	1980	86	136	85	6.8687	67
65	REDWOODS	5579	61	446	64	7.9943	46
66	REEDLEY	2439	80	355	67	14.555	3
67	RIO HONDO	12111	31	820	35	6.7707	70
68	RIVERSIDE	12195	30	776	36	6.3633	75
69	SAC CITY	12493	29	1815	1	14.528	4
70	SADDLEBACK	4680	68	293	76	6.2607	76
71	SAN BERN	14191	23	963	26	6.786	69
72	S D CITY	4446	70	452	63	10.166	18
73	S D EVE	15100	16	354	68	2.3444	94
74	S D MESA	8184	45	899	30	10.985	12
75	SAN FRAN	22153	4	1675	5	7.5611	54
76	S J DELTA	13722	25	1192	14	8.6868	31
77	SAN JOSE	15068	17	870	32	5.7738	84
78	SAN MATEO	14327	21	1046	19	7.3009	57
79	SANTA ANA	12504	28	857	33	6.8538	68
80	SANTA BARB	7185	50	756	39	10.522	16
81	SANTA MON	13886	24	954	27	6.8702	66
82	SANTA ROSA	11656	33	967	25	8.2962	38
83	SEQUOIAS	5527	63	692	42	12.52	6
84	SHASTA	6958	54	660	44	9.4855	24
85	SIERRA	5000	67	425	66	8.5	34
86	SISKIYOU	1199	91	129	87	10.759	14
87	SKYLINE	5334	65	458	62	8.5864	33
88	SOLANO	7269	48	529	34	7.2775	59
89	SOWESTERN	9482	38	762	38	8.0363	43
90	TAFT	427	96	91	90	21.311	2
91	VENTURA	10718	36	770	37	7.1842	62
92	VICT VALL	2592	79	136	86	5.2469	87
93	WEST HILLS	674	93	172	82	25.519	1
94	WEST L A	5700	59	460	61	8.0702	42
95	W VALLEY	15012	18	1100	18	7.3275	56
96	YUBA	5640	60	627	47	11.117	9

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study presents some comparative statistics concerning recipients of A.A. degrees at L.A.C.C. over the past fourteen years. Information was obtained from L.A.C.C. Admissions Office Graduation Statistics bulletins, with some comparison data for other colleges obtained from governmental publications.

It is believed that most of the data used in the study are reliable. Data pertaining to majors, however, should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. Over the years considered in the study, some majors were created, some eliminated, some renamed. Also the major "College Transfer" was inaugurated as a general term for those who met basic requirements for the A.A. degree but did not indicate a specific major. Nevertheless, broad trends in majors over the twelve year period indicated by the data should have reasonable validity.

Following are some observations on the data:

- (1) The decade from 1964 to 1974 showed a steady increase in number of graduates, almost doubling over that period. In 1975, however, that trend seemed to come to an abrupt end with the 1975 total 15% below the 1974 total.
- (2) A corresponding drop from 1974 to 1975 was noted in percent of total enrollment obtaining degrees. With enrollment at an all-time high and number of degrees dropping, it appears that the attainment of an A.A. degree as a goal is becoming less popular.
- (3) Since 1972, more females than males have been awarded A.A. degrees each year. The reverse was true for the preceding ten years. These statistics reflect recent enrollment trends.
- (4) About 60% of the 1975 graduates completed their work in June, 40% in January. This ratio has been relatively constant over the fourteen year period.
- (5) One fourth of the 1975 graduates were identified as evening students, a sizable drop from 1974, reversing an increasing trend.
- (6) About 40% of the 1975 graduates completed a two year occupational major, a figure slightly below the 1974 percentage.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS (continued)

- (7) With regard to specific majors, discernible recent upward trends can be noted in Architecture (4 year), Child Development (2 year), Law (2 year), Music (4 year), Psychology (2 year and 4 year); downward trends in Dental Technician (2 year), Earth Sciences (4 year), Engineering (2 year), English (4 year), Social Sciences (4 year).
- (8) In comparison with other California Community Colleges in 1974, L.A.C.C. ranked fourth (of 96) in number of A.A. degrees awarded, and twenty ninth in ratio of number of degrees to enrollment.

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